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For: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND)	
PROGRAM FOR MONITORING)	
A CONSUMABLE RESOURCE)	
USED BY A SYSTEM)	

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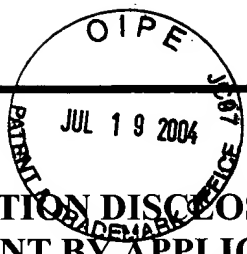
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